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Title: The Minister of External Affairs made a statement regarding the stay of Ms. Taslima Nasreen in India.

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): I rise to inform the House of the Government of India's stand on an issue which has attracted considerable public attention in recent days. As hon. members are aware, noted Bangladeshi writer Ms. Taslima Nasreen has been in India for some time. Throughout history, India has never refused shelter to those who have come and sought our protection. This civilizational heritage, which is now government policy, will continue, and India will provide shelter to Ms. Nasreen. Those who have been granted shelter here have always undertaken to eschew political activities in India or any actions which may harm India's relations with friendly countries. It is also expected that the guests will refrain from activities and expressions that may hurt the sentiments of our people.

While these guests are in India, the Union and the State Governments provide them protection. This policy will also apply in Ms. Taslima Nasreen's case....(*Interruptions*)

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY (PURI): Where is she now?...(*Interruptions*)

प्रो. विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा (दक्षिण दिल्ली) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, बांग्लादेश की लेखिका सुश्री तसलीमा नसरीन को बंगाल से निकाल राजस्थान भेज दिया लेकिन वहां से दिल्ली लाया गया। अब दिल्ली से कहां ले जाया गया है और उसे कहां रखा है?[s18]वे सेफ हैं, नहीं हैं, इस बारे में कोई जानकारी नहीं दी गई है।
.....(व्यवधान)

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प्रो. रासा सिंह रावत (अजमेर): महिलाओं पर होने वाले अत्याचारों को रोका जाना चाहिए। ...(व्यवधान)

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY : Where is she staying now?...(*Interruptions*)

प्रो. रासा सिंह रावत (अजमेर): बंगाल से राजस्थान लाया गया ...(व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: If at all you want a discussion, then it has to be done in a proper manner. All the hon. Members are aware that there has to be a procedure. This cannot be done here and now. Your remarks have already been recorded.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I would now come to important matters.

Shri Kiren Rijiju. Nothing else to be recorded.

*(Interruptions)*â€¦*

MR. SPEAKER: A proper procedure has to be followed. I have already called the name of an hon. Member to speak on an important issue.

...(*Interruptions*)

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SHRI ARJUN SETHI (BHADRAK): Sir, I also have given notice. A serious thing has happened in the State of Orissa...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Rijiju, the hon. Minister has already made a statement on Assam.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Anything being spoken without my permission will not be recorded.

*(Interruptions)*â€¦*

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, if you behave like this, then I will adjourn the House and go away. I would not allow this. Nothing will be recorded.

*(Interruptions)*â€¦*

** Not recorded*

MR. SPEAKER: I must say that it is very painful. It is extremely painful. I am trying to accommodate everyone to the best of my ability and in accordance with the time available, but if you all stand up like this, then nothing is being recorded.

*(Interruptions)*â€¦*

12.08 hrs.

(*At this stage, Shri Arjun Sethi and some other hon. Members came*

and stood near the Table.)

MR. SPEAKER: There is one more item to be taken up. Shri Aiyar, I am sorry you had to lay some statements. You may do it now.

12.08Â¼ hrs.